

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1) (currently amended) In a process for winding ~~[an]~~ a melt spun monofilament elastic fiber onto a core for forming a package and/or warp beam for use in knitting or weaving operations, the improvement comprising: forming the elastic fiber into a shape having a fiber cross section such that the width of the fiber is at least 1.5 times the thickness of the fiber, prior to winding onto the core.
- 2) (original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the width of the cross-sectional area is at least 3 times the thickness of the fiber.
- 3) (original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the width of the cross-sectional area is at least 5 times the thickness of the fiber.
- 4) (original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the elastic fiber is an olefin polymer.
- 5) (original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the elastic fiber is a linear ethylene-alpha olefin interpolymer.
- 6) (original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the elastic fiber is a substantially linear ethylene-alpha olefin interpolymer which has been substantially crosslinked.
- 7) (original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the fiber is formed using dies having an opening which has two generally perpendicular axes, wherein one axis is at least about 1.5 times longer than the other axis.
- 8) (original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the fiber is formed using dies having an opening which has two generally perpendicular axes, wherein one axis is at least about 3 times longer than the other axis.
- 9) (Canceled)
- 10) (withdrawn) An improved package for elastic fiber comprising: a length of elastic fiber wound around a core, wherein the elastic fiber has a cross sectional area such that the width of the fiber is at least 3 times the thickness of the fiber prior to winding the elastic fiber onto the tube core
- 11) (withdrawn) A process for forming an elastic fiber wherein the fiber is formed using a die having one or more openings which have two generally perpendicular axes, wherein one axis is at least about 3 times longer than the other axis.

- 12) (withdrawn) The process of Claim 11 wherein the fiber is used in a nonwoven structure
- 13) (withdrawn) The process of Claim 11 wherein the fiber is used as a binder fiber.
- 14) (withdrawn) The process of Claim 13 wherein the binder fiber is a bicomponent fiber.
- 15) (withdrawn) The process of claim 11 wherein the fiber is wound onto a package or warp beam.
- 16) (withdrawn) Fabric comprising a fiber made from the process of claim 11.
- 17) (withdrawn) The Fabric of claim 16 wherein the fabric is woven or knitted.